

AMENDMENTS TO LB 25

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM23)

Introduced by

1 1. Insert the following new amendments:

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3 Sec. 8. Section 71-4406, Reissue Revised Statutes of
4 Nebraska, is amended to read:

5 71-4406 (1) Any animal which is owned by a person and has
6 bitten any person or caused an abrasion of the skin of any person
7 shall be seized by the rabies control authority for a period of not
8 less than ten days if:

9 (a) The animal is suspected of having rabies, regardless
10 of the species and whether or not the animal has been vaccinated;

11 (b) The animal is not vaccinated and is of a species
12 determined by the department to be a rabid species; or

13 (c) The animal is of a species which has been determined
14 by the department to be a rabid species not amenable to rabies
15 protection by immunization, whether or not such animal has been
16 vaccinated.

17 If, after observation and examination by a veterinarian,
18 at the end of the ten-day period the animal shows no clinical signs
19 of rabies, the animal may be released to its owner.

20 (2) (a) Except as provided in subdivision (b) of this
21 subsection, whenever any person has been bitten or has an abrasion
22 of the skin caused by an animal owned by another person, which

1 animal has been vaccinated in accordance with section 71-4402 and
2 section 3 of this act, or if such injury to a person is caused by
3 an owned animal determined by the department to be a rabid species
4 amenable to rabies protection by immunization which has been
5 vaccinated, such animal shall be confined by the owner or other
6 responsible person as required by the rabies control authority for
7 a period of at least ten days and shall be observed and examined by
8 a veterinarian at the end of such ten-day period. If no clinical
9 signs of rabies are found by the veterinarian, such animal may be
10 released from confinement.

11 (b) A vaccinated animal owned by a law enforcement or
12 governmental military agency which bites or causes an abrasion of
13 the skin of any person during training or the performance of the
14 animal's duties may be confined as provided in subdivision (a) of
15 this subsection. Such agency shall maintain ownership of and shall
16 control and supervise the actions of such animal for a period of
17 fifteen days following such injury. If during such period the death
18 of the animal occurs for any reason, a veterinarian shall within
19 twenty-four hours of the death examine the tissues of the animal
20 for clinical signs of rabies.

21 (3) Any animal of a rabid species which has bitten a
22 person or caused an abrasion of the skin of a person and which
23 is unowned or the ownership of which cannot be determined within
24 seventy-two hours of the time of the bite or abrasion shall be
25 immediately subject to any tests which the department believes are
26 necessary to determine whether the animal is afflicted with rabies.
27 The seventy-two-hour period shall include holidays and weekends

1 and shall not be extended for any reason. The tests required by
2 this subsection may include tests which require the animal to be
3 destroyed.

4 3. On page 7, lines 5 and 11, after "71-4402" insert "and
5 section 3 of this act".

6 4. On page 10, line 17, after "71-4405," insert
7 "71-4406,".

8 5. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.

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